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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.

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An alternator includes a rear-end fan which is constructed so as to have greater capacity than a front-end fan. The construction is such that a flow rate in a front-end ventilation pathway in which a cooling air flow enters through front-end air intake apertures is deflected centrifugally by the front-end fan and is then expelled through front-end air discharge apertures is greater than a flow rate in a rear-end ventilation pathway in which a cooling air flow enters through rear-end air intake apertures is deflected centrifugally by the rear-end fan and is then expelled through rear-end air discharge apertures.